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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Tony Gallegos, Reclamation Engineer *adg*

RE: Site Inspection, James W. Hill, Mystery Mine, S/019/034, Grand County, Utah

Date of Inspection: May 6, 1997
Time of Inspection: 1450 - 1530
Conditions: Partly cloudy, windy, warm
Participants: Will Stokes, SITLA; Tony Gallegos, DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: To examine this site while in the area.

We arrived on site and found no one present. Equipment currently on site includes: a small camp trailer, a pickup, a flatbed truck and a number of wooden pallets. We proceeded to walk around the general structures in the area and could see no visible signs of mining disturbance. The operator had described operations as collecting surface stone, so no significant mining disturbance was anticipated. The extent of any minor related disturbances would include: the access road into the site and a small pad area from repeated driving or moving of equipment around the camp trailer.

At approximately 1505, Mr. James Hill and an associate arrived on site. Mr. Hill explained the mining that had taken place so far and their plans for continued mining. He mentioned a concern about ATV's in the general area. He was concerned that the ATV's would be driving off the existing roads and that he would then be held responsible for reclaiming damage caused by repeated ATV use. He asked if state lands had any specific signs that he could use directing traffic to stay on existing roads. As a suggestion to Mr. Hill, Will mentioned he could document the roads he has created by use of maps and submit these with the annual report.

Mr. Hill pointed out some areas of recent mining. Mining, in this case meaning collection of stones off the surface without any mechanized equipment. Visible signs of their collection of this stone included small indentations where the rocks had been removed and minor foot traffic. There were no major excavations in this area.

In conclusion, we informed Mr. Hill that there were no concerns at this time with the current mining operation or the amount of disturbances. Mr. Hill mentioned that he had an additional lease or mining proposal submitted recently for an area nearby.

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